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RE: Amended Specification for Japanese Respondents' Exclusion Request for Heat-Shrinkable Band Steel for the *Section 203 Action: Certain Steel*

Mr. Stephens,

On behalf of Nippon Steel Corporation, NKK Corporation, Kawasaki Steel Corporation, Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd., Kobe Steel, Ltd., Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd, Japan Iron & Steel Exporters' Association, and Suzuki Metal Industry, Ltd. ("Japanese Respondents"), we hereby submit amended specifications for heat-shrinkable band (HS Band) steel.

The exclusion request for HS Band steel was originally submitted to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative on November 13, 2001. The counsel for the domestic industry requested that we provide a more detailed specification for this product, in order to enable them to respond fully to our request. Attached are the revised specifications for this exclusion request. We are now requesting the exclusion of HS Band steel falling within any of the four attached descriptions.

If you have any questions about this submission, please contact one of the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Definitions for Coated Steel Sheet for HS Bands

1. 21 RS for the 20" CRT and 38 RS for the 36" CRT

Electrogalvanized steel sheet and coil with the following specifications:

Tensile Strength: 45-49 kg/mm^2
Yield Point: 33-37 kg/mm^2
Magnetic Properties: 450μ or more
Coating Weights: Zn = 17 g/m^2 min. and Cr = 20-60 mg/m^2
Thickness Tolerance: ± 5%

Chemical Composition (%): C = 0.07 max., Si = 2.0 max., Mn = 2.0 max., P = 0.15 max., S = 0.02 max.

2. 42 RS for the 40" CRT

Electrogalvanized steel sheet and coil with the following specifications:

Tensile Strength: 45-49 kg/mm^2
Yield Point: 33-37 kg/mm^2
Magnetic Properties: 450μ or more
Zn-Ni alloy electroplating
Coating Weights: Zn = 17 g/m^2 min.
Special chromate treatment with a thickness of film of 0.2-0.8 μm
Thickness Tolerance: ± 5%

Chemical Composition (%): C = 0.07 max., Si = 2.0 max., Mn = 2.0 max., P = 0.15 max., S = 0.02 max.

3. 34 RS for the 32" CRT

High strength electrolytic zinc coated silicon steel sheets and strips with the following specifications:

Thickness: 1.20mm
Thickness Tolerance: ± 60 μm
Width Tolerance: -0/+7mm
Tensile Strength: 41-45 kg/mm^2
Yield Point: 26-30 kg/mm^2
Magnetic Properties -- Permeability: Thickness of 1.20mm with specification of $\mu \geq 800$
Zn-Ni alloy electroplating
Coating Weights: Zn = 17-24 g/m^2, Cr = 40-70 mg/m^2

Chemical treatment: 0.5-1.1 g/m^2
Max. Deviation from horiz. flat surface of 5mm max.
The camber of mother coils must not be larger than 2 mm per 2000 mm in length

Chemical Composition (%): C = 0.005 max., Si = 1.0-1.6, Mn = 0.6 max., P = 0.13 max., S = 0.03 max.

4. 29 RS for the 27" CRT

High strength electrolytic zinc coated silicon steel sheets and strips with the following specifications:

Thickness: 1.0mm

Thickness Tolerance: ± 50 μ
Width Tolerance: -0/+7mm
Tensile Strength: 45-49 kg/mm^2
Yield Point: 32-36 kg/mm^2
Magnetic Properties -- Permeability: Thickness of 1.0mm with specification of $\mu \geq 500$
Zn-Ni alloy electroplating
Coating Weights: Zn = 17-24 g/m^2, Cr = 45-75 mg/m^2
Max. Deviation from horiz. flat surface of 5mm max.
The camber of mother coils must not be larger than 2 mm per 2000 mm in length

Chemical Composition (%): C = 0.005 max., Si = 1.0-1.6, Mn = 0.6 max., P = 0.15 max., S = 0.03 max.

5. For 32V PF and 36V PF Picture Tubes

Electrolytic Zn-Ni Coated Steel NKCA440E

Chemical Composition: C < 0.010%, Mn < 0.6%, P < 0.15%, S < 0.03%, Si = 1.0-1.6%, Fe - rest
Thickness: 1.20 mm
Thickness tolerance: ± 0.09 mm
Width tolerance: ± 0.2 mm
Tensile Strength: 45.9 – 64.2 kg/mm^2
Yield Point: 31.6 – 36.7 kg/mm^2
Permeability: 450 – 630 (at the magnetic force of 0.35 Oe, according to JIS C 2550)
Coating Weight: 20 g/mm^2 (min.: 17 g/mm^2, max.: 26 g/mm^2; approx. thickness 3um)